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Today's Topics:

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                  Fixing the books  
          How many people actually use paddles ? (3 msgs)  
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                  Remote control 72 Mhz  
          Replacing ICOM 271/471 Ram Batteries...Better Do It!  
          STILL waiting for your license? Read this and weep!  
                  Wash Cnty, OR Antenna Ordinance - HELP !!

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 1993 16:35:19 GMT  
From: spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!magnus.acs.ohio-  
state.edu!csn!col.hp.com!fc.hp.com!jayk@decwrl.dec.com  
Subject: -.-. .--  -. . .--  ...  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SI02::SZAREKW (SZAREKW%SI02.DEcnet@v9.hanscom.af.MIL) wrote:  
: <lots of code deleted>

I don't think I'm interested, unless I can remap my whole keyboard.

Will, N0RDV wrote:

:: Actually, the "...-.-" should be BEFORE the call.

Lots of ops finish a QSO with callsign then ...-.- ..

73, Jay K0GU jayk@fc.hp.com

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Date: 28 Jul 1993 18:48:24 GMT

From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!news.ans.net!malgudi.oar.net!  
news.ysu.edu!yfn.ysu.edu!ag821@ames.arpa

Subject: -.-. .-- -. . .-- ...ly use paddles ?

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In a previous article, n4hy@tang.ccr-p.ida.org (Bob McGwier) says:

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>>--- -.- . ....- .-. -.- -.... --- -.. -.-  
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>>.- .-.. --- ..- -.. .-.-  
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>We can all call it rec.radio.amateur.neo-luddite

>Bob

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>Robert W. McGwier | n4hy@ccr-p.ida.org  
>Center for Communications Research | Interests: amateur radio, astronomy,golf  
>Princeton, N.J. 08520 | Asst Scoutmaster Troop 5700, Hightstown  
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I think CW should be Heard, and not seen

Jeff, AC4HF

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Jeff M. Gold, AC4HF  
Manager, Academic Computing Support  
Tennessee Technological University

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Date: 28 Jul 93 19:51:25 GMT

From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: .-. . -.- .-- -. . .-- ...  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Date: 28 Jul 93 20:53:44 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Alinco DJ-F1T  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have the DJ-F1T. The guy at the Alinco booth at a Hamfest dropped one onto a (carpeted) concrete floor in the convention hall and then used it to demonstrate its ruggedness. It's the most rugged piece of consumer electronics I've ever owned, but then again, I've never bought a tank. It's my first HT, so I can't offer any comparisons, but I'm glad I bought it.

I don't have the high-power version, but be aware that this is just a battery difference. If you buy the low-power version, then purchase the high-power battery pack, it becomes a high-power unit.

There is a simple mod for AIRband receive, and extended transmit. I posted it here a while ago, but just E-mail me directly if you want it.

Gary W. Thorburn  
KB1AIF  
thorburn@sceng.ub.com

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Date: 28 Jul 93 17:44:42 GMT  
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Fixing the books  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, n4hy@tang.ccr-p.ida.org (Bob McGwier) writes:

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>This would have to be a director at large. I personally would not want  
>an inexperienced person representing my area. I would like representation  
>for the newly licensed but not at my district's expense.

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>Bob

Thanks for the comment. The US Constitution also discriminates against inexperience by setting a minimum *age* for the office of president. Discrimination is often a good thing; it's what keeps you from eating the yellow snow.

At base, yes: such requirements *do* bespeak fear of change. Fear of change, especially overrapid change, is often a good thing. (Transit-time effects can cause societal rupture. One importantly directive memo simply taking too long to circulate in a small business can screw things up because the entire apparatus doesn't move as one.)

In much of the world, experience (and therefore soundness of decisionmaking) is (was?) largely held to vary directly with the age of the person in question. This isn't the place to talk much of why; it stems from the largely agrarian nature of societies in which Being Around Longer could be assumed to mean Knowing More About How The World Works. So it was (is?) a fair thing to be afraid of a leader who, out of his or her lack of life inexperience, might attempt to lead the led down a path *known* through culture-wide experience to be A Dumb Way to Go. *That* kind of change *is* something to fear.

In *this* culture, experience largely seems to be something to be shouted down and minimized. Age -- and, therefore, by association, experience -- conveys little automatic respect. Getting older is something you fear, older people are people you ignore and/or shun, and admitting that you may not have all the answers at age 25 seems just plain nuts. (This is not *my* view, as I hope you can see.)

Balancing the need to respond to positive, rapid change with the need not to write all of our standard texts on Magic Slates is a *tough* thing to do. Luckily, the ARRL's "four-year" rule can be changed through the representative democratic process if enough people are convinced that that's necessary.

At least no one has yet mentioned a possible, horrifically discriminatory truth: That the "four-year rule" also acts to disallow anyone under four years of age from being president of the ARRL. What an outrage!

Regards/WJ1Z

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 1993 16:41:12 GMT  
From: agate!headwall.Stanford.EDU!Csl!paulf@ames.arpa  
Subject: How many people actually use paddles ?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In <CAvFLJ.ME0@apple.com> erc@apple.com (Ed Carp) writes:

>Give me my Bencher paddles any day. Beats even a Vibroplex :)

Ha! I tried both the Bencher and Vibroplex paddles, and settled with the EK-1. The Vibroplex paddles (both the "iambic" and "brass racer") have a much smoother motion.

Of course, you could be referring to the semiautomatic bugs, in which case I'd have to agree for the most part.

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-=Paul Flaherty, N9FZX | "The National Anthem has become The Whine."  
->paulf@Stanford.EDU | -- Charles Sykes, \_A Nation of Victims\_

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Date: 28 Jul 93 18:44:19 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: How many people actually use paddles ?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Will Turner N0RDV recently said...

>My suggestion to you, if you haven't already, is to get a straight key and learn  
>to send with that first. I know it can be more difficult (not what I've found,  
>but...), but I've heard from many experienced hams that it will give you a  
>better fist when you do move on to something else.

Having used both straight keys (only a little though) and iambic paddles, I fail to see any reason why knowing how to use a straight key can "give you a better fist" when you move to an iambic paddle. Both the thought process and the hand movements are completely different between a straight key and an iambic paddle. My advice to you, Mohan, is if you want to learn how to use a

straight key, get one and use it. If you want to learn how to use an iambic paddle, get one of those and a keyer and use them. If you \_don't\_ want to know how to use a straight key, don't waste your time with one. By the way, the top CW op in my club teaches people Morse code from the start using an iambic paddle and has been very successful...

I'll finish with my standard advice and opinion: these days, there is no reason to use anything but an iambic paddle and a keyer for CW. This combination gives the average ham the best ability to send excellent code. It's a rare op that really can send excellent code with a straight key and an especially rare op that really knows how to properly adjust and properly use a bug.

73,

Scott W01G

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Date: 28 Jul 93 19:27:38 GMT

From: ogicse!uwm.edu!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!  
wjturner@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: How many people actually use paddles ?

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

OK, the advise I was given is probably in reference to BUGs. As I've never used a paddle, can't say for sure. However, I still feel learning to use a straight key correctly will help you learn the "rhythm" of the code. Unfortunately, it seems many people never learn that and send the dahs way too short, so that CQ almost sounds like HH. Either that, or they run everything together.

>I'll finish with my standard advice and opinion: these days, there is no reason  
>to use anything but an iambic paddle and a keyer for CW. This combination gives  
>the average ham the best ability to send excellent code. It's a rare op that  
>really can send excellent code with a straight key and an especially rare op  
>that really knows how to properly adjust and properly use a bug.

Of course anyone can send code that way. It may not be excellent, but it would hopefully be understandable. (The paddle would probably not help with running things together, though.)

With much sadness, I have to agree that few ops seem to be able to use a straight key correctly. I had to send a total of maybe 30 minutes practicing

before actually getting on the air. But it really is a good feeling when all the W#XXX and K#XXXs I QSO tell me to be proud of my terrific fist! (My dad maintains that it is all the years of playing the trumpet that does it.)

73, Will NORDV

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Will Turner, NORDV	-----
wjturner@iastate.edu	"Are you going to have any professionalism,
twp77@isuvax.iastate.edu	or am I going to have to beat it into you?"
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Date: 28 Jul 93 17:55:50 GMT  
From: ogicse!news.tek.com!tekig7!tekig6!royle@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: More on S-units and S-meters  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Following my recent posting regarding S-meters, Doug MacKintosh, VE6BC (doug@ve6bc.ampr.ab.ca) emailed me this info:

>On the radios I've worked on (Yaesu, Heathkit, Radio Shaft come to mind),  
>the manuals have all spec'd that S9 shall be indicated when there is 50uV of  
>signal at the antenna input. This seems to be some kind of de-facto standard.

I don't have a service manual for my Icom IC-730 but found no mention of a spec for S9 level in the instruction manual. Out of curiosity, I measured the signal required for an S9 indication on this rig. Sure enough, it was very close to 50 uV on all bands I measured (80, 40, 20, 15, and 10). (My measurement accuracy was a few percent. S9 was within a dB of 50 uV when accuracy was considered.) This was true for LSB, USB, and CW modes, preamp off. The narrow CW filter increased the signal required for S9 to about 100 uV.

Based on Doug's experience, it looks like the manufacturers are holding a reasonably constant S9.

While I was at it, I measured the number of dB required to move the needle from S5 to S9 on each band. It varied from 8.5 to 13 dB. So for these 4 S-units, the average S-unit size on this rig is about 2-3 dB, depending on band.

One last comment. Some posters have referred to a "standard" S-unit on the basis of some organization or other declaring it to be so. This is reminiscent of a law - actually passed - which declared pi to be equal to

exactly three. (See "The History of Pi" by Petr Beckmann.) I suppose this would be all well and good if only people wouldn't get the notion that the marks on their S-meters were "standard S-units" or that the official Pi had anything to do with circles.

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Date: 28 Jul 93 19:18:54 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Remote control 72 Mhz  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Does anyone have info on 72 Mhz remote control kits for model control ? Looking to build not buy. Want to use PLL designed receiver for hobby use.

Seth T. KC2WE

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Date: 28 Jul 93 21:41:50 GMT  
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Replacing ICOM 271/471 Ram Batteries...Better Do It!  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, jwa@tellabs.com (John W. Albert) writes:

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>>>John Mcleod N6RCD.

>A company called Willco Electronics sells a memory board that  
>has the important data stored in ROM. When the battery fails,  
>the radio won't die, you just lose the memories. The board  
>also increases the frequency limits and has 1024 memories.  
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Has anyone on here actually done this mod? I have an older IC-751A. Everytime I turn it on, I wonder if this is the time it

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jkearman@arrl.org

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 1993 15:34:02 GMT  
From: pravda.sdsc.edu!news.cerf.net!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!linus!



linus.mitre.org!mitre.org!eubanks@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: STILL waiting for your license? Read this and weep!  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <235mrpINNnr2@sweetpea.genrad.com> dls@genrad.com (Diana L. Carlson) writes:

> rec.radio.amateur.misc:45001

> >I would like to see a VE-issued, temporary callsign that allows operation  
> >at the earned level of achievement, or a subset - say just VHF privileges,  
> >until the actual ticket arrives. The callsigns could be of a unique  
> >format, something like "WT9876AB"; where "WT" or "WN" correspond to Tech or  
> >Novice; "9876" corresponds to a specific VE session & is assigned in  
> >blocks by the VEC organization. The format provides an expiration code  
> >derived from the specific VE session - say, the last day of the 3rd month  
> >following the session. The local examiners retain the particulars on the  
> >call/name/address/date. Another format is fine if there's a problem with  
> >this one.  
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> Actually, I think a system similar to this is being considered. In a recent  
> W5YI Report (one of the most useful ham publications I receive, sorry ARRL,  
> I like QST too, but I read W5YI Report as soon as I get it), there was an  
> article about the system that the FCC is looking at. Generally, once the  
> person passed and had a CSCE in his possession, he could actually USE the  
> license immediately. The temporary callsign would be two letters (like KN)  
> followed by the number for his group (ie, 1 in MA, 9 in IN, etc), followed  
> by his three initials. So, as an example, mine would be something like  
> KN1DLS (or KN1DLC, if you want to get real picky....).  
>  
> I haven't heard yet if/when this will be implemented, but there were indications  
> that it could happen as soon as the fall time.  
>> Diana L. Carlson  
> --  
> ->Diana L. (Syriac) Carlson dls@genrad.com            Ham: KC1SP (Sweet Pea)  
Diana,

My objection to that format is that it would require on-line tracking to ensure there was no contention for already issued calls. Also, if it is to be a temporary callsign (my assumption - everything must be temporary until the FCC gets directly into the process) then you would use up a potentially effective (permanent) callsign for a temporary one. Now take that same format, but then make it 3 alpha characters before the number and that problem goes away, but you still have duplicates within the numbered zone. I prefer a completely different format for temporary calls to avoid possible duplication/callsign contention and without having to access an on-line database. There are lots of problems with that. We could have several KN1DLC's (your temporary call, but also Donald Lawrence Collins) at one time.  
Vern, AA7EI

These are my personal opinions only.

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Date: 28 Jul 93 18:14:32 GMT  
From: ogicse!ese.ogi.edu!dreeves@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Wash Cnty, OR Antenna Ordinance - HELP !!  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Last night, 27 July 1993, the Washington Co. Commisionners met again to discuss 414. Several members of the Property Protection blah, etc. spoke for their dislike of 414. Several residents of the Cooper Mt. neighborhood spoke against 414 because it was too leanient!

I was signed up to speak on behalf of the Civil Air Patrol/ USAF Auxilary, which gets most of its communicators and equipment from hams, but the commisionners limited testimony to 1 hour total. I was not called. I will be faxing my comments today.

Some testimony given (summary)

"Public Service" orginizations are allowed towers up to 200', yet hams, who offer public service in many ways are limited to 150'. Public Services get money from the county and thus can afford the amazing fees which are to be charged for an application.

Many opposed to hams related "horror stories" of millions of watts of ERP, in excess of what commercial broadcast stations are allowed and towers which did not meet building codes. I tried not to laugh too loudly.

A previous section manager 6 land who has moved up here offered the testimony that this is the most restricting ordinance he has seen. He also related the news that San Diego either has or is considering a "view tax".

The commisionners decided not to vote on 414 last night, mostly because there were 100+ people who would be quite upset with them if they passes it. It looks like they will pass it on the next meeting on 2 August at 10:00am. PLEASE fax them your displeasure about this if you are all inclined to stoping restrictive tower ordinances everywhere. Again, the fax number is 503 693 4545.

All in all, it appears that the upset residents of one area are going to dictate the policy for the entire county, which is upsetting. The way to go about restricting towers in neighborhoods is not to enact county-wide ordinances. It is through deed restrictions, etc. As one gentelman testified, this ordinance would restrict him from erecting 150+ towers on his 150 acre lot.

Let's put this one to rest while we can.

73 de N6XHW  
D. Reeves  
Communicatins Officer, Columbia Sq, CAP/USAF

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|B. Douglas Reeves Dept. Env. Sci.& Eng. Oregon Graduate Institute|  
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|"... life itself represents a nonequilibrium condition." - J. F. Pankow |

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Date: 28 Jul 93 18:41:51 GMT  
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wjturner@network.ucsd.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <9307281246.AA16023@ucsd.edu>, <1993Jul28.085859@IASTATE.EDU>,  
<CAvvEw.7J@fc.hp.com>ate.  
Subject : Re: -.-. .-- -. . .-- ...

In article <CAvvEw.7J@fc.hp.com> jayk@fc.hp.com writes:  
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>Lots of ops finish a QSO with callsign then ...-.- ..

True, but my point was that is technically incorrect, not that it doesn't happen. Besides, the ...-.- .. is actually . . . . . or "Shave and a haircut, two bits". I think someone did the SK at the end and someone else thought it was "Shave and a haircut" and it grew from their.

There are many procedural calls that are not used correctly. Many hams send SK last. Many always send K and never KN (not incorrect, though). And many send the K very long. Ie, ----- . -----

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Will Turner, N0RDV
wjturner@iastate.edu      | "Are you going to have any professionalism, |
twp77@isuvax.iastate.edu  | or am I going to have to beat it into you?" |
TURNERW@vax1d.ameslab.gov | -----
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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 1993 16:35:03 GMT  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!  
squam.banyan.com!banyan.com!dts@network.ucsd.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Jul21.153450.28504@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>,  
<22pn2h\$40j@techbook.techbook.com>,  
<POPOVICH.93Jul26110609@cyclades.ma30.bull.com>  
Subject : Re: STILL waiting for your license? Read this and weep!

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|> ...

|> Given the relative performances of the VEC and the DXCC Desk lately,  
|> it seems that either the VEC staffers have been working on DXCC, or  
|> they've been spending a lot of their time making STRONG coffee to keep  
|> those DXCC guys working. :-) Congratulations to the League on clearing  
|> the DXCC backlog; now, how about clearing the license backlog?

|> Then,  
|> if they'd only send some of that coffee to the NYC/LI Section Manager  
|> to get him to answer his mail more often than once every couple of  
|> months...:-) [Is this a common problem with SCMs? Volunteering and  
|> then deciding they don't want the job?]

Vote for someone else next time, or better yet, run for the job yourself! I have decided to do just that up here in Western Massachusetts. I'd like to see better communications among the members of the sections and have ideas on how to do that. Therefore, I decided to take a crack at it myself. If I win, it'll mean a

big time commitment, but it is for a good cause, IMHO.

Dan Senie N1JEB

|> then deciding they don't want the job?]  
|>  
|> -Steve, WB3I

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From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!  
squam.banyan.com!banyan.com!dts@network.ucsd.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <23JUL199307182014@nssdca.gsfc.nasa.gov>,  
<T6Z67B7w165w@GRAFex.Cupertino.CA.US>, <FOROZCO.93Jul24121147@dante.nmsu.edu>m  
Subject : Re: Amateur Radio public service

In article <FOROZCO.93Jul24121147@dante.nmsu.edu>, forozco@nmsu.edu (OROZCO)  
writes:

|>  
|> I have been trying to get into NTS and message handling, but I still  
|> can't find a NTS net!!!  
|> I have only have 20 (and very, very soon 40) meter capabilities, but I  
|> haven't been able to find any NTS net. And I don't think there is any  
|> kind of traffic net around my area.  
|> I live in Las Cruces, NM , about 40-45 miles from EL PASO, TX. I  
|> would like to get some frequencies for NTS nets on either 20 or 40  
|> meters. Does any active traffic-handler have any info on this???

Local HF nets will be on 80 meters, SSB and CW. Regional nets are on 80 and 40,  
and probably on 20. I do mostly local traffic on 2 meter FM repeater nets. The  
local NTS traffic handling, which is probably the most beneficial for emergency  
preparedness training is almost exclusively on 2 meters now.

After a Simulated Emergency Test, one of the folks in the area who does not  
normally handle traffic told me he had new respect for traffic handlers. He was  
on the receiving end of some messages which contained patient medical terms and  
data, and it was all sent rapid-fire using phoenetics for the spellings. The  
traffic handlers just copied it all down, this fellow was lost!

NTS does do a good job of training in this way.

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|> 73's de luis
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|> Luis F. Orozco          N 5 U H B
|> forozco@dante.nmsu.edu      g o o
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508-898-1188          Packet Radio: N1JEB@KA1SRD.MA
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From: ogicse!uwm.edu!spool.mu.edu!bloom-beacon.mit.edu!mojo.eng.umd.edu!

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References <1993Jul27.172349.5003@uoft02.utoledo.edu>,

<23626e\$00p@news.acns.nwu.edu>, <236433\$par@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu>

Subject : Re: How many people actually use paddles ?

In article <236433\$par@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu> ksampath@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu (Krishna S Sampath) writes:

>In article <23626e\$00p@news.acns.nwu.edu> rdewan@casbah.acns.nwu.edu (Rajiv Dewan) writes:

>> ... stuff ...

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>> 3) Buy a new one: (here are the ones I have tried)

>> Bencher: Widely used. Nice, light and fast. abt \$65

>> MFJ: Similar to Bencher, just a little cheesier. \$45.

>> Vibroplex Iambic Standard: heavy, slower than others, looks good \$85

>> Kent: My favorite. Very fast, precise and easy to adjust. \$75  
>> Hi-Mound: Stiff, comes with plastic cover, slower than Kent. \$85

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>> There are others too. I am sure you will hear about them.

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> does anyone use the "jones key"? some ads in qst list them around  
> \$140 (ouch!). i saw one at universal shortwave but did not get a  
> chance to play with it.....  
>

I just recently got a Jones paddle for my birthday :-). I may be unique  
in that I've never seen a Kent.

The Jones is a very smooth (and red!) paddle. There is no overshoot when a  
connection is made and it is easily adjusted to almost zero clearance.

It is also on a HEAVY base and does not slide around.

I'm no longer using my old Bencher!!! The Jones is MUCH smoother and I  
have the contact spacing adjusted much closer than I could with the  
Bencher.

That said, the Bencher is a pretty good paddle. Mine has had 15 years of  
heavy use and still works fine. The Jones is a VERY good paddle.

Good luck and 73.

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